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SUBJECT: WTDR CELTA DE NICARAGUA S.A.

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1 EMBASSY WAS UNABLE TO SUBMIT WTDR ON SUBJECT FIRM IN MAY 1975, AS REQUESTED PER USDOC 05938, OWING BOTH TO FIRM'S FAILURE TO RESPOND TO OUR INQUIRIES AND TO THE GENERAL LACK OF INFORMATION ABOUT FIRM'S ACTIVITIES. EMBASSY IS NOW ABLE TO REPORT THAT CELTA DE NICARAGUA, A PRODUCER OF SAWN LUMBER, DOOR PANELS AND OTHER WOOD PRODUCTS, NO LONGER EXISTS. IN JUNE 1976, TWO LOCAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS FORECLOSED FIRM'S LAND HOLDINGS, MACHINERY AND INVENTORIES AND AUCTIONED THEM PUBLICLY. THE FORECLOSURES WERE EFFECTED BY BANCO NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA AND NICARAGUA'S DEVELOPMENT BANK (INFONAC), TO SATISFY OBLIGATIONS FOR US\$217,748 AND US\$102,857, RESPECTIVELY.

2 EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THAT FIRM'S ENTIRE HOLDINGS WERE BOUGHT AT AUCTION BY PRODUCTOS DE MADERA S.A. (PRODEMASA), WHICH RESUMED PLANT'S OPERATIONS IN OCTOBER 1976. THE PRESIDENT OF PRODEMASA IS CAPTAIN ANASTASIO SOMOZA PORTOCARRERO, SON OF GENERAL ANASTASIO SOMOZA DABAYLE, PRESIDENT OF NICARAGUA AND CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES. EMBASSY WILL REQUEST WTDR INFORMATION FROM PRODEMASA.

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